

What's New in the MPDC

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TWENTY-ONE NEW OFFICERS HIT THE STREET

DC neighborhoods will have 21 new police officers patrolling their neighborhoods beginning next week. The new officers are part of Recruit Class 2001-1, which started its Academy training last April and graduated Friday afternoon during ceremonies at the US Department of Agriculture Auditorium in SW. All of the new officers are being assigned to neighborhood patrol duties in Police

Service Areas (PSAs). As part of Chief Ramsey's plan to further enhance neighborhood patrols, the MPDC is stepping up its recruitment and hiring. In his message to the new officers, the Chief said policing is not just about statistics, but about the difference that individual officers can make in the communities they serve. He urged the officers to never underestimate the impact each of them can have. For information about police hiring in the MPDC, click on:

mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/officer.shtm

In addition to hiring more officers, Ramsey is looking to substantially increase the MPDC's volunteer Reserve Corps. His aim is to recruit at least 10 citizen volunteers to serve as Reserve officers on each of the District's 83 PSAs. Additional information about new plans for the Reserves will be coming soon; for basic information in the meantime, go to:

mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/services_PRC.shtm

DC Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton announced this week another boost to law enforcement resources in the District. While Norton's original 1997 Police Coordination Act allows some 32 federal law enforcement agencies to enter into cooperative agreements with the MPDC to expand their jurisdiction in DC, the new bill allows the addition of more federal police to assist the MPDC without further permission from Congress. See Norton's news release at:

mpdc.dc.gov (Click on News Room)

DISTRICT, POLICE UNION REACH TENTATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Mayor Williams announced this week that the DC Government and the Fraternal Order of Police-MPD Labor Committee this week announced a tentative collective bargaining agreement for sworn MPDC members at the rank of sergeant and below. Under the tentative agreement, police officers, investigators, detectives and sergeants will receive a 4 percent pay increase for fiscal year 2001 (retroactive to October 2000), another 4 percent increase in April 2002, and a 5 percent boost in April 2003. The parties also agreed to establish a program to provide incentive pay for members who make significant contributions to the operations of the MPDC, and changes to the disciplinary process will enhance timeliness and efficiency. The tentative accord must now be approved by rank-and-file members of the FOP.

ALAN DREHER NAMED FIRST DISTRICT COMMANDER

Chief Ramsey has announced the promotion of Alan Dreher to commander of the First District, which includes much of DC's business and political center as well as diverse neighborhoods in all four quadrants of the city. A 22-year veteran of the MPDC, Dreher had served as acting commander of 1D since mid-October, when Ramsey promoted former Commander Kim Dine to the position of assistant chief in charge of the Office of Professional Responsibility. Prior to that, Dreher as a captain served as commanding officer of the First District substation, overseeing patrol operations on Capitol Hill and surrounding neighborhoods. Dreher has spent much of his career in neighborhood patrols in 3D, 6D and 7D, along with recent assignments as a captain in Intelligence, Homicide and the 1D-1 substation. A graduate of George Mason University with a master's from Johns Hopkins, Dreher said his priority for 1D continues to be the expansion of the "Policing for Prevention" community policing strategy. For more information about Dreher's promotion, visit:

The First District is an interesting and diverse mix of residential neighborhoods, business and government centers, and national monuments. Learn more about 1D and its community policing efforts by going to:

mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/1st/main.shtm

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SHOPPING FOR A NEW CAR NEXT YEAR? LEARN HOW TO KEEP IT SAFE

With the 2002 Washington Auto Show opening the day after Christmas, many people may be thinking about purchasing a new car next year. Whether you're in the market or not, the MPDC is committed to helping all vehicle owners learn how to keep their cars safe and secure from thieves. Members of the MPDC's Auto Theft Unit will staff a display booth at the Auto Show, demonstrating common methods that auto thieves use and discussing safety precautions. Stop by and learn the latest tips on preventing auto theft, and hear about an upcoming auto theft prevention program that you can participate in called "Watch Your Car." If you can't make it to the Auto Show but want to learn what you can do to prevent auto theft, go to:

The 2002 Washington Auto Show runs December 26 through January 1, 2002 at the Washington Convention Center, 900 9th Street, NW. For details, visit:

www.washingtonautoshow.com

The MPDC will conduct a public auction of approximately 50 forfeited vehicles on January 23, 2002, at the Blue Plains Impoundment Lot. For complete details, click on:

mpdc.dc.gov (Go to News Room)

mpdc.dc.gov/info/traffic/autotheft.shtm

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